

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently amended) Device for strapping, especially for longitudinally strapping packaged material with strapping, comprising a strap roll, from which the strapping, which is to be processed, is pulled with formation of a strap storage system for a subsequent strapping process, ~~characterized in that,~~ wherein for pulling off the strapping (5), a movable strap carrier (6) is provided, which can be moved from a first position into a second position, taking along the strapping (5), and that holding means (12), arresting the strapping (5), are provided at a place downstream from the strap carrier (6).

2. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the strap carrier (6) serves as a re-tensioning device for strapping (5) passed around the packaged material (13), the re-tensioned strap length being conveyed into the strap storage system (15) before the strapping (5) is pulled from the strapping roll (4), for which purpose second holding means (11) are provided upstream from the strap carrier (6), preferably in the vicinity of the roll, for arresting the strapping (5).

3. (Currently amended) The device of claims 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the length of the movement of the strap carrier (6) between the first position and the second positions is such, that precisely as much strapping (5) is passed into the storage system, as is required for a subsequent strapping process.

4. (Currently amended) The device of ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claims 1 or 2 wherein the length of movement of the strap carrier can be adjusted or varied.

5. (Currently amended) The device of ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claims 1 or 2 wherein the strap carrier (6) is a pivoted lever (7).

6. (Currently amended) The device of claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pivoted lever (7) can be pivoted about the axis of rotation of the strapping roll (4).

7. (Currently amended) The device of ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein the first and optionally the second holding means are constructed as clamping means (11, 12).

8. (Currently amended) The device of ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein the strap carrier (6), constructed as a pivoted lever (7), has two pivoted arms (8), which can be moved at the side of the strapping roll (4) and are connected over a connecting section (9) engaging the strapping (5).

9. (Currently amended) The device of ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein the strap carrier (6) can be shifted along or parallel to the axis of rotation of the strapping roll (4) at least for carrying out the return movement into the first position.

10. (Currently amended) The device of ~~claims 8 and 9, characterized in that~~ claim 8 or 9 wherein the connecting section (9) is in two parts and at least one of the pivoted arms (8) can be shifted along the pivoted axis.

11. (Currently amended) The device of ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein a roll or roller (10) at which the strapping (5), which is to be pulled off, uncoils, is provided at the strap carrier (6) and optionally forms the connecting section (9).

12. (Currently amended) The device of ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1 wherein holding elements for holding the strapping (5), introduced by the movement of the strap carrier (6), are provided in the strap storage system (15).

13. (Currently amended) The device of claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein brushes are provided as holding means.